

CHAPTER 27



AFTER JUST TWO MORE MONTHS, THE YEAR WILL END.



THE CULTURAL AND ATHLETIC FESTIVALS BOTH ENDED WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS.

AND SPEAKING OF WHICH,



I DON'T MEAN THAT IT'S NICE AND COOL. IT'S MORE LIKE A FREEZING WIND IS BLOWING THROUGH.



DAMN.

IT'S COLD.

LIH-HUH.



THE ATMOSPHERE SUDDENLY GOT COLDER.

WELL, TO ME, THAT'S JUST NORMAL.



MY SURROUNDINGS ARE JUST AS COLD.



YEAH, YEAH,
THAT'S
SUPER FUNNY.
I CAN'T STOP
LAUGHING.

COME
ON...
MY NAME
ISN'T
EVEN
HIKITANI!



あはははは

HEEY!

WHAT AM I,
HIKITANI
-KUN?
SOMETHING
-TANI-KUN?

WHY AM
ONLY I
GETTING
LEFT OUT?!



THE SAGAMI
SYMPATHIZERS
FERVENTLY
LOBBIED IN HER
FAVOR, AND GAVE
BIRTH TO THE
"SAGAMI IS
PITIFUL" BOOM.

THIS IS HOW
I'VE BEEN
TREATED EVER
SINCE THE
CULTURAL
FESTIVAL.



THAT BOOM IS
NOW A THING
OF THE PAST.
NOW THE
"LET'S MAKE
FUN OF
HIKITANI-KUN"
BOOM IS THE
HOT NEW THING.

I'M
SERIOUSLY
THE LOVED
CHILD OF THE
CENTURY.





HACHIMAN.



I have to be careful
not to get Yukari
involved in any trouble.

SHE LOOKED
AT ME, BUT
SHE WAS
PROBABLY
CONCERNED
ABOUT
YUIGAHARA.



R-REALLY?

...I SEE,
BUT I THINK
EVERYONE'S
ALREADY
DECIDED,
MORE OR
LESS.



WE ARE GOING
TO DECIDE THE
GROUPS FOR
THE SCHOOL
TRIP IN TODAY'S
HOMEROOM.



TOTSUKA.



I WANT TO
PROTECT
THAT SMILE.
(BUT HE'S A
GUY.)



WELL

I STILL
HAVEN'T
DECIDED.



YES!

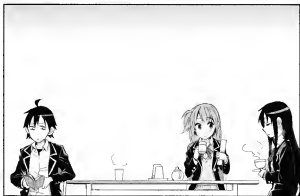
**I DID
IT!**



.....THEN,
DO YOU WANT TO
BE IN THE SAME
GROUP?













THEN THERE IS THE PHILOSOPHER'S PATH, WHICH IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL DURING THE CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON, BUT IT'S ALSO QUITE NICE DURING AUTUMN

WELL, THERE ARE FAMOUS PLACES LIKE THE JAPANESE GARDEN IN KYOJAN TEMPLE OR KYOJAN-REIJIJI TEMPLE, BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CHECK KOKON TEMPLE AND JISHU TEMPLE, WHICH ARE ALSO QUITE FAMOUS...

I THINK IT'S BETTER TO USE THE POPULAR NAMES. THEY ARE MORE WELL-KNOWN AS KOKONJI AND JISHUJI



BUT IT CAN BE QUITE DIFFICULT TO DO ANYTHING AT NIGHT IN A SCHOOL TRIP. AND THEN...

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE SPECIAL SIGHTS OF THE DIFFERENT TEMPLES AND SHRINES AT NIGHT IF WE COULD FIT IT INTO OUR PLANS.



THESE KINDS OF THINGS ARE COMMON KNOWLEDGE.



WHAT, DID YOU CHECK JAPAN-GUIDE?

SO DETAILED...!

....SO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

THIS GIRL IS FAR TOO EXCITED...



HAYAMA
...!



AND
TOBE...!



WHAT WAS
THAT? ARE
THEY
HAVING A
BARGAIN
SALE FOR
FIGHTS OR
WHAT?





WE HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO LISTEN TO THE REQUESTS OF THOSE KINDS OF PEOPLE. IT WOULD BE SPLENDID IF THEY COULD LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

LACKING IN MANNERS, AND FAILING TO SHOW ANY DECORUM.



TOBE, LET'S GO BACK.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD SOLVE OURSELVES.

...WELL, IT IS OUR FAULT.



FEELS BAD, YOU KNOW?



IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAY SOMETHING, JUST HURRY UP AND SAY IT.

WELL... THE TRUTH IS, I...



WELL



NO.

I CAN'T GO BACK NOW.

Seriously?!

YOU KNOW, ERINA... SHE IS PRETTY NICE, RIGHT?

SO, LIKE, HERE IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO DO DURING THE FIELD TRIP.

AHH, SO YOU DON'T WANT TO GET DUMPED...

That's what I'm rooting for you!

PLEASE STOP SAYING SUCH NAIVE THINGS.

YEAH YEAH, THAT KINDA THING. STILL, I'M WORRIED ABOUT GETTING REJECTED.

THANKS, HORTON-KUN YOU REALLY HELPED ME TO GET TO THE MAIN POINT

SO, LONG STORY SHORT,

YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONFESS TO ERINA-SAN AND START DATING, RIGHT?

Whaaaaat?!

I'M SORRY, BUT

I DON'T THINK WE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.

AS I THOUGHT, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE SO EASY.

WELL, OBVIOUSLY NOT.







YOU
ALREADY
KNOW
WHAT'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN!?

THEN, WHAT
WILL HE DO
WHEN HE GETS
DUMPED?

NO!

love

FIRST,
WILL HE BE
ABLE TO
CONFESS?



BUT YOU'LL
KEEP HEAR-
ING PEOPLE
TALK ABOUT
IT.

IT WOULD
BE OKAY IF
IT STOPPED
THERE,

AND IT'S
NOT
ONLY
THAT.

THE NEXT
DAY, EVERYONE
IN CLASS
WILL KNOW,
NATURALLY.



"WE DIDN'T
ASK YOU
DUT SO
IT'S OKAY."

"I'M JUST
SO GLAD
THAT I
NEVER
TOLD HIM
MY EMAIL
ADDRESS!"

"I HEARD
THAT HE DID
IT VIA EMAIL,
TOO. ISN'T
THAT THE
WORST?"

"WAAA,
POOR
KAORI!"

"DID YOU
HEAR?
HIKOSAMA
CONFERSED
TO KAORI."

"IF HE DID,
IT WOULD
BE THE
WORST!"





FOR NOW,
LET'S TRY TO

FIND
TOBE-KUN'S
POINTS OF
APPEAL.



WELL,
THEN.

THE
NEXT
DAY



RELYING ON
OTHERS
ALREADY...

...I'M FRIENDS
WITH HAYAMA?



ANY IDEAS,
YUKIKOSHIKITA?

LET'S
SEE...



IF BEING BRIGHT
WAS ALL IT
TOOK TO BECOME
POPULAR, DUMB
GUYS WOULD
BE DOING
FANTASTICALLY

WELL, HINT
HE BRIGHT?

WHAT ELSE
IS THERE?



OKAY, I GET IT.
LET'S CHANGE
TACTICS.

So fast!



ENERGETIC, I
SUPPOSE.

THERE IS
NOTHING
TO PRAISE
ABOUT
THIS GUY,
HUH?



HE IS
LOUD.

NO...NOISY?
BOISTEROUS?



A STRANGE
WAY TO
COMPLIMENT
SOMEONE.

YOU ARE
SAIDING WE
SHOULD MAKE
USE OF HER
WEAK POINTS.

AS EXPECTED, THERE
IS NO ONE BETTER
THAN YOU AT FINDING
UNDISCOVERED
METHODS.

OH...I SEE.



UHM...
WELL, IN
HINA'S
CASE...

SO, HOW IS
EBINA-SAN?



LIKE WHAT KIND
OF MAN IS SHE
WEAK AGAINST.
SHE SHOULD
HAVE SOME-
THING LIKE
THAT...MAYBE.

RATHER THAN
LOOKING FOR
TOBE'S
STRENGTHS, WE
SHOULD TRY TO
MATCH TOBE WITH
EBINA-SAN'S
PREFERENCES.



AH.

WELL,

IT'S MORE LIKE
SHE LIKES TO
SEE BOYS WITH
OTHER BOYS.

RATHER THAN
LIKING BOYS
HERSELF,



I'M A
LITTLE
IM-
PRESS-
ED.

BUT HE
EARNESTLY
ANSWERED
THAT
COMMENT,
SO I GUESS
HE DOES
ACTUALLY
HARBOR
SOME
ATTRACTION
FOR HER.



IT SEEMS
THAT
YUKINO-
SHITA
ALSO
AGREES.



IT'S LIKE,
THAT PART IS,
YA KNOW? A
PART OF HER
PERSONALITY,
OR
SOMETHING.

LIKE, SHE'S
ECCENTRIC
AND COOL,
YA KNOW?

AHH, I
GUESS
LOVE
REALLY IS
BLIND.





AH! SORRY,
THE SENPAIS ARE
COMING TODAY
SO I NEED TO GET
GOING TO MY CLUB.
THIS IS SUPER
BAD!

SEE YA!



THAT'S LIKE
A PLUS POINT,
ISN'T IT?

THE
ONLY PLUS
POINT HERE
IS YOUR WAY
OF THINK-
ING.



This
is
bad
So
bad



THAT'S IT!

PREFERABLY, I
WOULD BE
SATISFIED
IF HE GOT
SPECTACULARLY
REJECTED IN
KYOTO.

!



WELL, HE IS
GOING TO
CONFESS
DURING THE
SCHOOL TRIP.



WHAT A
LOUD
PERSON...

I
WONDER
IF THIS
WILL GO
WELL...







AM?

...EH?

SO OOKA-KUN
AND
YAMATO-KUN
MUST BE
SOOOO
FRUSTRATED!



LATELY,
TOBECCHI
HAS BEEN
GETTING ALONG
TOO WELL WITH
HAKATO-KUN
AND
HIKOTANI-KUN!



LOOK, IF YOU
ARE GOING TO
INVITE SOMEONE,
I WANT YOU TO
INVITE EVERYBODY.
AND THEN I WOULD
LIKE YOU TO TAKE
EVERYTHING
IN.

LIKE, THEY
SEND EACH
OTHER GLAS-
GASTIVE
LOOKS,....

LATELY,
TOBECCHI
AND
HIKOTANI-KUN
HAVE BEEN
TALKING A LOT,
RIGHT?



MY LOVE
TRIANGLE IS
GOING TO
GET SPOILT
AT THIS RATE!



SORRY
FOR ASKING
SOMETHING SO
UNREASONABLE.

I SEE...

NO, NO,
NO THAT'S
WRONG, THAT
IS COMPLETELY
WRONG.

GO
YOU ARE
NOT A
SASCH-URST,
BUT A STASCH-
URST, HAHA



NO,
NO MORE.

ACTUALLY, I
WOULD
RATHER YOU
WERE THE ONE
RECEIVING THE
INVITATIONS.





I FEEL LIKE
OUR GROUP
HAS CHANGED
A LITTLE BIT
RECENTLY.

UHM, HOW
SHOULD I
PUT IT?



SO, WHAT
DO YOU
ACTUALLY
MEAN BY
THAT?



NAH, WHAT
YOU SAID WAS
COMPLETELY
NORMAL. DON'T
WORRY.

D-DID I SAY
ANYTHING
WEIRD?

THE
COMPLICATED
RELATIONSHIPS
AMONGST
BOYS... YOU ARE
SO DIRTY, YUL



BUT,
LIKE

LIKE WITH THEIR
RELATIONSHIPS.

EVEN
AMONGST
BOYS THERE
MAY BE SOME
COMPLICATED
FEELINGS, YOU
KNOW.



I JUST WANT TO
BE FRIENDS WITH
EVERYONE, LIKE
ALWAYS.

IT FEELS LIKE
SOMETHING IS
DIFFERENT, AND
I DON'T WANT
THAT.





HOW DO YOU
GET ALONG
WITH OTHER
GUYS?

IS THAT
GOT BUT,
HROA,



NO IDEA.

ANYWAY,
EVERYONE
SEEMS TO BE
GETTING ALONG
JUST FINE TO
ME.



JUST
WHAT
WAS THAT
ABOUT?



YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO
SHOULD BE
MORE MINDFUL
OF OTHERS.

AH!

YUKAHAMA-SAN,
ASKING THAT KIND
OF THING TO
HIGUCHI-FUN IS
FAIR TOO MURCH.
PLEASE, BE MORE
MINDFUL OF
OTHERS.



HIKITANI-
KUN.

I'M
COUNTING
ON YOU,



Ah, mean that
"mean" do you want
to walk around
together on the
street def?

Twenty

...





SO TOBECCHI
WILL SIT NEXT
TO HINA...

AND I WILL SIT IN
FRONT OF YOU.

That way it's
easier to talk.

SO, HINA, YOU
CAN SIT NEXT TO
YUMIKO.



WHERE
DO WE
SIT?

WHEREVER
IS FINE.



NO,

I CAN
JUST SIT
SOMEWHERE
ELSE.

AND
KAWA-
SAKI-SAN
IN FRONT
OF US.



YUI GOES
HERE, AND
THEN I'LL
SIT NEXT
TO YOU.

YUP,
YUP.

A.



...BUT

IT'S FINE,
IT'S FINE!





GAK-CHAN,
HAVE YOU
HEARD
ANYTHING?

AH, IS
THIS ABOUT
TOBE-KUN?



UH...

BUT IT'D BE
NICE IF THEY
COULD SPEND
SOME TIME
WITH JUST THE
TWO OF
THEM.

DON'T YOU
THINK?

IF IT'S THEM, I
DOUBT THEY
CAN MAKE ANY
PROGRESS.



The truth is
I...well... I think
I might like
Elena a bit.

YUP,

I ASKED
A BIT DURING
SUMMER BREAK
BACK AT CHIBA
VILLAGE.



THAT
GIRL

TSURUMI RUMI;
I WONDER IF
SHE'S DOING
WELL.



I SEE...

I JUST
HEARD
ABOUT
IT THE
OTHER DAY
WHEN HE
CONSULTED
US.

CHIBA
VILLAGE...



THESE KIND OF INNOCENT ACTIONS... COULD MEAN CERTAIN DEATH FOR BOYS WHO MISUNDERSTAND THE GIRL'S INTENTIONS.

THEREFORE, PLEASE MAKE SURE NOT TO, FOR EXAMPLE, "CASUALLY TOUCH A BOY'S BODY",

"SIT IN HIS SEAT DURING LUNCH BREAK OR AFTER SCHOOL"

OR "BORROW THINGS FROM A BOY EVEN IF YOU FORGOT SOMETHING".











WELL, IT'S
UNDERSTANDABLE
IN THIS COMPLETE
DARKNESS.



IT'S EASY TO BECOME
ANXIOUS IN THIS
SITUATION. GRABBING
AT ANOTHER PERSON'S
CLOTHES IS A
STANDARD EMERGENCY
RESPONSE. IT
DIDN'T EVEN CROSS
MY MIND OR AFFECT MY
COMPOSURE.



I SEE.

WHILE TOUCHING THIS STONE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MAKE A WISH.



.....



MORE OR LESS.

HAVE YOU DECIDED ON SOMETHING?

I GUESS I'LL PRAY FOR KENMACHI'S SUCCESS IN HER ENTRANCE EXAMS.







THAT WAS
NOTHING!

AS
EXPECTED
OF A BOY.



THANK
YOU.

AH

ALRIGHT



EVEN IF WE
DON'T DO
ANYTHING
SPECIAL, HE IS
STILL DOING
QUITE WELL.









I DO
WORRY
ABOUT
IT!

AH...

IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT
IT.



I WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
NOTICE THE
FLAVOR.

Ah...

Sorry...

I brought it
another
one.

Uh-huh.

IF I WERE
TO DRINK
FROM THAT



W-WHAT?

HOW CAN
THIS BE...?



AND IN
THAT WAY,
THE FIRST
DAY
ENDED

AND WE
RE-
TURNED
TO THE
HOTEL.



THIS HAS
BEEN A TRUE
KYOTO
BAPTISM.



THEY DON'T
HAVE ANY
MAX
COFFEE.

The coffee with
the best flavor



BUT IF WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT
MAKING
PROGRESS...
HE DIDN'T
REALLY MAKE
ANY.



AFTER THAT
WE WENT TO
KANZEN
TEMPLE,
FOLLOWED BY
GINKAKU
TEMPLE.

THE AUTUMN
LEAVES WERE
BEAUTIFUL. TOBE
AND EBINA
WERE WALKING
TOGETHER
WITH A GOOD
ATMOSPHERE.









IT JUST MEANS
THAT SOMEONE IS
LOOKING AFTER
YOU.

IT'S NOT A BAD THING
TO GET SCOLDED.

YOU TOO. I'M
WATCHING OVER YOU,
SO MAKE AS MANY
MISTAKES AS YOU
WANT.

YOU'LL GET
SCOLDED IF
ANYONE FINDS
OUT.

















FIRST DAY
OF THE
SCHOOL
TRIP
FINISHED.

THERE ARE
STILL MANY
OBSTACLES
AHEAD OF
US.

I COULDN'T
TAKE A
BATH WITH
TOTSUKA!!!

HACHI-
MAN!?

HOT CHOCOLATE SCANS



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